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Title : Worm Reduction Gear and Electric Power Steering
Apparatus

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the election requirement dated March 9, 2007, Applicants elect the species of Figures 13-14. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are readable thereon. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

The relation between the present claims 1 through 5 and the species of embodiments shown in the figures is as follows:

	Claim 1	Claim 2	Claim 3	Claim 4	Claim 5
Figs. 1 to 9	X	X			X
Fig. 10	X	X			X
Figs. 11 to 12	X		X		X
Figs. 13 and 14	X	X		X	X

The species of Figs. 13 and 14 is selected by this amendment. However, the applicant does not intend to abandon the claims for the embodiments corresponding to Example 1 shown in Figs. 1 through 9 and Example 2, shown in Fig. 10. As shown in the table, these embodiments corresponding to Examples 1 and 2 should be protected by the amended claims corresponding to the species selected at this time.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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